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Applicant : Huat et al.
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For : A STRESS-FREE LEAD FRAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by adding as the first section of the specification on page 1 the following new section:

Related Applications

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 from Malaysian patent application serial number PI 20004237, filed September 13, 2000.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

3.(amended) A stress-free lead frame (1) as claimed in Claim 1 further characterised by said plurality of stress-relief means (15) being holes and slots.